

•*Elijah challenged the people: “How long are you going to sit on the fence? If GOD is the real God, follow Him; if it’s Baal, follow him. Make up your minds!” Nobody said a word; nobody made a move. 1 Kings 18:21 MSG*

•*Baseball, Football, Basketball, Soccer... What do they ALL have in common? LINES*

•*Imagine driving home today with no lines. Blueprints, Property- We were going to dig... Sewer line for the whole street!*

•*To put a boundary on what you will do or allow to happen*

•This group of people have started living with NO LINES!

We’ve all got these lines.

•We’ve drawn some and others we've adopted.

•We all have choices about what we let into our life and how we respond. Our lines are where those choices play out.

•Our lines are where our boundaries, standards and values all come into play. Where you decide to make your stand.

There are some that you will redraw with revelation or experience.

•*The more I learn the less dogmatic I become. Billy Graham*

•There are some ideas that will evolve as you live and experience life.

There are some lines that are set by God and cannot be moved!

•*Everybody’s life is either a warning or an example based on the Lines they’ve drawn and live by.*

•*In life we get what we tolerate! Where in your life is it time to draw the line in the sand and say no more! To yourself? To others?*

DRAWING A LINE KEEPS YOU FOCUSED.

Help you make decisions. (Not within your line? Then it’s a no.) **Yes be yes...**- What you agree to

○ **It eliminates drama.** (You've already set your standards so you know what will meet them—and what will not.)

☑ **DRAWING A LINE GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO *REACH FOR*.**

• **Focuses your strengths.** (If you know what works for you, you naturally focus there.)

• *Press toward the Mark...*

☑ **DRAWING A LINE KEEPS YOU *IN THE GAME*.**

• *I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. 1 Cor. 9:27 NLT*

• Recently we've heard of GREAT leaders in CHURCH WORLD FALL

• **RUMBLE STRIPS!!!**

☑ **DRAWING A LINE LETS YOU KNOW WHAT YOU *WON'T GO BACK TO*.**

• **Choose!** Joshua 24, "*Choose you this day who you are going to serve*". They had crossed the line in the form of the Jordan River. *You can go back... But as for me and MY HOUSE...*

☑ **THIS CHURCH IS DRAWING A LINE.**

• *What kind of CHURCH are WE going to be???*

• Saving Church

• Restoring Church

○ **BOLD CHURCH**-Culture WILL NOT back ME down or US down.

• ***The WORLD should NEVER OUT BOLD the CHURCH! Politicians should not have more courage than PULPITS!!!***

• **Draw the line!** We have lost the message of the Bible. Salvation. Sanctification. Straddling the fence...

• ***To put a boundary on what you will do or allow to happen***

•How We Act/**Dress**/Talk/Believe/Live-*Rush kids movie- we drew a line*

•**The word "Christian" is from the latin, and it literally means "Partisan for Christ". A partisan for Christ.**

○**Partisans never play it neutral.** They never play it safe. They never sit on the fence. They are never spectators in the struggle of their times. They take sides, they commit themselves.

•*I heard a story of the American civil war. One man said, "I'm neutral", so he put on gray trousers and a blue coat and they shot at him from both sides.*

•As believers, we are not going to agree on every issue or every candidate, and there is nothing wrong with that. **BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON THE WORD OF GOD!!!! Yes I'm CHOOSING SIDES TODAY! I'm DRAWING A LINE and joining the LORD's SIDE/WORD'S SIDE- MARRIAGE, GENDER, LIFE...**

•**PRIDE** has drawn a line. Lines! Sodom/Gomorrah- **Zoar-SANCTUARY!**

•**COME OUT FROM!!!** *That's why it's so important for families to draw the line and say, No matter what this culture does, we're going to do what God tells us to do.*

•**Praising Church-** And the saddest thing: "The people answered him not a word".

•**My prayer-** *The Praise in here would be louder than the cheers of bengals game, FC game, Reds game, UC game, NASCAR Engines!*

YOU NEED TO DRAW SOME LINES.

GOD DRAWS LINES.

•There's probably some people here who need to hear that challenge. **You're teetering between two worlds. You're trying to live for Jesus Christ over here, but you want some stuff that you see in the world**

that you think is gonna satisfy you but we know will not. So you go back and forth from wanting to live for God to wanting to live for yourself and all the kicks that come from a worldly life. And you hear the prophet Elijah saying, "*How long are you gonna waver between two worlds?*"

- One DAY God's going to draw an ETERNAL LINE.

- But Jesus drew a line that you can choose today!

- If you're gonna live for the world, go live for the world. **But if you're gonna live for God, live for God with everything you have".**